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FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT - BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 RECOMMENDATIONS

Our report recommending that the Board continue the levying of a Flood Control Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Year 2002-03 at the same rate that is currently in effect, \$28.85 for a typical single-family residence in the Los Angeles area and \$5.95 for a typical single-family residence in the North County area, was adopted by the Board on April 2, 2002 (Agenda Item No. 51). The public hearing date on continuing the levy is set for May 28, 2002. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, my recommendation is to approve the levy for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

The Flood Control Benefit Assessment provides over 50 percent of the funding for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. This revenue will be used to continue maintaining the regional flood control system in a safe and effective operating condition, respond to storm threats and flooding emergencies, regulate development in flood hazard areas, develop watershed management plans, provide for construction of a limited number of needed storm drains, and restore our flood control system to a state-of-readiness as a result of damages caused by disaster events. Revenue from the Benefit Assessment will also be used to finance compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit, which was reissued in December 2001 and the expenses associated with various total maximum daily load requirements mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Because this proposal does not increase the existing assessment rate or change the assessment formula, it is not subject to the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which provides an exemption for certain assessments, including those for flood control, that existed on November 6, 1996.

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